

On-site Septic Systems/Land Use

Program Description:

Septic system effluent contains numerous pathogens capable of causing serious human illness. To protect public health, Health District personnel evaluate the suitability of proposed installation sites, review the design & construction of new septic systems, assess the operation of old systems, license system installers, and investigate reports of failing septic systems.

Program Cost: \$306,160

Employees: 2.91 FTE

Outcome measures (Summer & Fall Qtr '06):

78% of failing septic systems had corrective action initiated within 14 days
60% of failing septic systems were brought into compliance within 90 days

Output Measures:

- 554 New or reused septic systems reviewed and permitted
- 123 Proposed new installation sites evaluated
- 78 Failing septic system complaints investigated
- 101 Septic system installers and pumpers licensed
- 434 Subdivisions, short plats, other land use development applications reviewed

Notes & Updates:

- Purchased initial hardware & software necessary to begin file digitization
- Working with both counties concerning new permitting systems

Challenges:

- Washington's revised septic maintenance regulations become effective July 2007
- Secure funding to expedite digitization project



